

statements I referred to before is we do not want to wait for the federal government to do everything for us. I think the time is now. We should move. If we pass this particular amendment, then I think we should consider putting into this constitution whatever is necessary to implement a widespread policy for providing for citizens in our state.

I have watched you tinker with the technical aspects of our government. You can get the finest piece of machinery set up that you want to, but if you do not have people behind you and take care of human resources, the rest will go. All we need is the will. We have got the economic and natural resources.

Thank you.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Are you ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak against the amendment.

I do not believe that a Constitution must express —

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): For what purpose does the Delegate rise?

DELEGATE HUTCHINSON: Mr. Chairman, I believe this is the third person in a row.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): The Chair is a little confused. I think the people for the amendment have a right to speak next. Do you wish to speak for the amendment?

DELEGATE HUTCHINSON: Yes, I do.

I have heard some people say since I have been sitting in this chair and since this issue has come before this Convention that it is a good idea. I have heard people say, yes, it is a good idea, but we cannot implement this idea. I submit to you that we do not want to implement this idea. This is everything that is against the American capitalistic society. I do not care how much you laugh at that, how much you think that is a ridiculous idea, but as far as I am concerned, when we put something like this in a state constitution, I do not care what kind of constitution it is, federal or state, it is still government action in private affairs. I think this is the worse thing that this State can do. I think it is the worse thing that could ever happen in this country.

I say to you to support the amendment and strike out this ridiculous part of this constitution and this Committee Recommendation.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak in opposition to the amendment.

No constitution should be written by political theorists and no constitution should be written by a computer. Constitutions are written by people, and every constitution expresses the particular hopes and aspirations and the crises of the civilization in which it is written.

The great difference in our society of today, the great crisis in our society, is not the difference between black and white and yellow and red. The great problem for our society and for our capitalistic society is the difference between the rich and the poor, the great tragedy within the most affluent nation in the world.

One-fifth of the people in this nation do not have sufficient money for decent food and decent clothing. If we were truly representatives of the people of the State of Maryland, twenty-eight of us would sit here without decent clothing or housing or food. That is how severe the problem is.

I do not believe we do any violence to principles of constitutional draftsmanship if in 1967 we express our concern about the most severe problem in our society.

I urge you to vote against the amendment.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak in favor of the amendment?

Does Delegate Pullen wish to speak in favor of the amendment?

DELEGATE PULLEN: No, sir.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Does anyone wish to speak in favor of the amendment?

*(There was no response.)*

Does anyone wish to speak against the amendment?

Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Mr. Chairman, I want to say that I think the quality of oratory has improved considerably. I think it is real nice. I want to say also, however,